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IND AND YWT. AFSC FOR SDE, IND. CSAF FOR CVAFI/RDPW/ATF/  
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SUBJECT: DELEGATION OF DISCLOSURE AUTHORITY FOR NATO AEW

REF: (1) ESD/IND MESSAGE DTG 051235ZMAY77; (2) ESD/IND  
MESSAGE DTG 021230ZJUN77; (3) NAPO MESSAGE DTG 031544ZJUN77

BEGIN TEXT.

1. REFERENCES ONE AND TWO RAISED QUESTIONS ON THE TYPE OF  
INFORMATION THAT PORTUGAL AND LUXEMBOURG HAVE RECEIVED AND  
REQUESTED WHETHER THERE IS A REQUIREMENT TO MODIFY THE DDL  
FOR FUTURE RELEASES TO PORTUGAL.

2. NAPO (AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION) ROUTINELY DISTRI-  
BUTES NATO AEW PROGRAMME INFORMATION TO NATIONS PARTICI-  
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PATING IN DELIBERATIONS OF THE HIGH LEVEL GROUP (HLG),  
INCLUDING LUXEMBOURG AND PORTUGAL. EXAMPLES OF NATO DATA  
DISTRIBUTED TO THESE NATIONS INCLUDE MINUTES AND WORKING  
PAPERS OF THE HLG AND SUBMISSIONS TO DPC MINISTERIALS.  
(ESD/YWT HAS COPIES FOR YOUR REFERENCE.) INFORMATION  
WHICH NAPO DISTRIBUTES TO PORTUGAL AND LUXEMBOURG CANNOT  
REVEAL US DATA WHICH HAS NOT BEEN AUTHORIZED FOR RELEASE

TO THESE NATIONS.

3. NAPO DOES NOT ROUTINELY DISTRIBUTE US DATA TO NATO NATIONS. US DOCUMENTS RECEIVED BY NAPO WITH STANDARD DISTRIBUTION LIMITATIONS (THIS DOCUMENT IS RELEASABLE TO BELGIUM, CANADA, ETC.) HAVE BEEN FORWARDED TO NATIONS CONSISTENTLY WITH STATED LIMITATIONS. THIS INCLUDES SPECIFICATIONS AND CONTRACTOR PLANS ASSOCIATED WITH PREVIOUS PROPOSALS.

4. AUTHORITY DELEGATED BY ESD/IND DDAL NUMBER 1(7-ESD-1A) TO DEPUTY (FOR NATO MATTERS) TO U.S. E-3A PROGRAMME MANAGER TO RELEASE DATA TO PARTICIPATING NATO NATIONS (EXCEPT ICELAND, LUXEMBOURG, AND PORTUGAL) HAS BEEN USED ONLY ON RARE OCCASIONS WHEN TIME ELEMENT DID NOT PERMIT AWAITING FORMAL RELEASE THROUGH CONUS-BASED AUTHORITIES. THE ONLY DOCUMENTS RELEASED VIA THIS CHANNEL ARE:

- A. HQUSAF/ATF RESPONSE TO FRG QUESTIONS ON NATO AEW SYSTEM;

- B. BOEING LETTER 2-6623-0031-062 WITH 2 ATTACHMENTS, CDC 7620581, DATED 26 OCTOBER 76, TRACKING ERRORS.

5. THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ARE OFFERED RELATIVE TO THE CURRENT DDL.

- A. PARA 9A(2): MARKING WHICH IS SPECIFIED FOR RELEASED DOCUMENTS IS INADEQUATE FOR NATO AUTHORITIES TO ACCURATELY DISCERN WHICH NATIONS ARE ELIGIBLE. RECOMMEND CONFIDENTIAL

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REVISION TO SPELL OUT EACH NATION ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE DATA.

- B. IN PAST, IT HAS BEEN POSSIBLE TO SEGREGATE PORTUGAL AND LUXEMBOURG FROM DISTRIBUTION OF US DATA, ALTHOUGH THIS HAS OCCASIONALLY CAUSED AWKWARD SITUATIONS. REFERENCE THREE CITES AN OCCASION WHERE WE BELIEVE RELEASE TO THESE COUNTRIES IS WARRANTED. IF THERE IS SOUND SUBSTANTIATION FOR CONTINUED EXCLUSION OF THESE NATIONS, WE CAN OBVIOUSLY CONTINUE AS IN THE PAST. US RELEASE AUTHORITIES SHOULD RECOGNIZE, HOWEVER, THAT BOTH LUXEMBOURG AND PORTUGAL HAVE ENDORSED THE NATO AEW PROGRAM IN PREVIOUS MINISTERIAL MEETINGS AND THEIR CURRENT POSITIONS SUPPORT NATIONAL FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS. THEREFORE CONSIDERATION FOR A RELAXATION OF THE CURRENT POLICY MAY BE WARRANTED. PORTUGAL IN PARTICULAR IS ENDORSED BY SACLANT AS AN FOB LOCATION.

6. FINALLY, IT SHOULD BE MADE CLEAR TO ALL RELEVANT US ORGANIZATIONS THAT INFORMATION SENT TO NAPO IS SUBJECT TO

RECEPTION BY FOREIGN NATIONALS, WHO ARE NOT FAMILIAR  
WITH US RELEASE PROCEDURES. CHANNEL FOR US CLASSIFIED  
INFORMATION IS ESD OLAIOO VIA US MISSION NATO. END TEXT.  
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